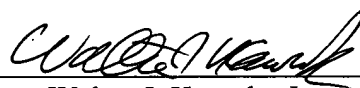


REMARKS

The present claim rejections rely on a published application to Galliard (U.S. Pub. No. 20030028458). Applicant reasserts its previously stated reasons why Galliard is not entitled to a priority date of June 28, 2000 based on (Provisional App. No. 60/214,436).

Galliard is not prior art under 102(e) for the additional reason that the priority date of June 28, 2000 is not before the date of invention. Submitted herewith is the Declaration of Satyan G. Pitroda, establishing a date of invention of at least June 20, 2000. Accordingly, the rejection based on Galliard should be withdrawn.

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